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SUBJECT: SUGAR: SELECTION OF NEW ISO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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1. THE U.S. HAS NOMINATED WILLIAM K. MILLER, A CAREER  
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION  
OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZA-  
TION. SELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS EXPECTED TO

BE MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR COUNCIL MAY 17-18, BASED ON RECOMMENDATION OF A SELECTION COMMITTEE WHICH IS NOW REVIEWING APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION. MILLER'S CANDIDACY HAS THE FULL SUPPORT AND BACKING OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IF SELECTED, HE WOULD BE THE FIRST U.S. NATIONAL TO ACHIEVE SENIOR RANK IN AN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ORGANIZATION. WE SEEK THE SUPPORT OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS FOR MILLER'S CANDIDACY.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEE GOVERNMENTS PLUS CANADA ARE REPRESENTED ON THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. OF THESE, ONLY CANADA ALSO HAS NATIONALS SEEKING THE POSITION. ACTION EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATELY SENIOR LEVELS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THE STRONG U.S. BACKING FOR MILLER AND TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT OF HIS CANDIDACY. EMBASSIES MAY DRAW FROM FOLLOWING FOR USE AS TALKING POINTS AND AN AIDE MEMOIRE.

3. THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT AND THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL BE VITAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF BOTH THE AGREEMENT AND THE ORGANIZATION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE A MAN OF PROVEN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE, FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SEASONED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOMINATED WILLIAM K. MILLER FOR THE POSITION. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST SENIOR AND EXPERIENCED ECONOMIC OFFICERS IN THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THE HOST GOVERNMENT WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND JOIN IN SUPPORTING HIS CANDIDACY.

4. MR. MILLER IS PRESENTLY MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN LONDON. HE IS THE SENIOR ECONOMIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, SUPERVISING A STAFF OF 90 EMPLOYEES, OF WHOM 25 ARE DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS. HIS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE SUPERVISION OF THE EMBASSY OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS.

5. FROM 1971 TO 1974 MR. MILLER WAS MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT THE U.S. MISSION IN GENEVA. IN THAT POSITION HE WAS THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. AT THE ECONOMIC AGENCIES IN GENEVA INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, AND THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE. HE HEADED U.S. DELEGATIONS TO SESSIONS OF THE UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE COUNCIL OF THE

GATT, THE UN COCOA CONFERENCE, 1972 AND THE UN SUGAR CONFERENCE, 1973.

6. PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO GENEVA MR. MILLER HELD A SERIES OF SENIOR POLICY ASSIGNMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INCLUDING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, FROM 1968 TO 1970; DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS FROM 1965 TO 1968; DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FROM 1964 TO 1965; AND CHIEF, TRADE AGREEMENTS DIVISION IN 1964.

7. MR. MILLER ENTERED SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN 1945. HE WAS BORN FEBRUARY 25, 1920, IS MARRIED AND THE FATHER OF FOUR CHILDREN. CHRISTOPHER  
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